



King County

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516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Agenda Committee of the Whole

Councilmembers: Kathy Lambert, Chair; Rod Dembowski, Vice Chair;
Claudia Balducci, Reagan Dunn, Larry Gossett, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Joe McDermott,
Dave Upthegrove, Pete von Reichbauer

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1:30 PM

Monday, April 25, 2016

Room 1001

SPECIAL MEETING - REVISED AGENDA

Pursuant to K.C.C. 1.24.035 A. and F., this meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Metropolitan King County Council, whose agenda is limited to the committee business. In this meeting only the rules and procedures applicable to committees apply and not those applicable to full council meetings.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

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Discussion and Possible Action pp. 3-31 (Approx. 20 min.)

3. [Proposed Motion No. 2016-0218](#)

A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial vacancy in the southwest division of King County district court.

Sponsors: Ms. Lambert

Nick Wagner, Council staff

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4. [Proposed Motion No. 2016-0219](#)

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Adjournment



King County
Metropolitan King County Council
Committee of the Whole

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.:	3, 4, 5	Date:	April 25, 2016
Proposed No.:	2016-0218 2016-0219 2016-0220	Prepared by:	Nick Wagner

SUBJECT

Review of District Court candidates and selection of final candidates to be interviewed by the Committee of the Whole on May 4, 2016.

SUMMARY

There currently are three judicial vacancies in King County District Court: one in the Southwest Division (Burien) and two in the West Division (Seattle). In accordance with the process prescribed in the King County Code, Chapter 2.70 (Att. 2), the King County Bar Association (KCBA) and other bar associations with established judicial evaluation procedures have referred to the Council three candidates for the Southwest Division vacancy and 10 candidates for the two West Division vacancies. Proposed Motions 2016-0218, 2016-0219, and 2016-0220 (Attachments 1-3) would fill the vacancies. In their current form, the motions have a blank for the name of the person being appointed.

At a special meeting on Monday, April 25, the Council's Committee of the Whole will meet to review the candidates and select final candidates to be interviewed by the committee at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4. At its May 4 meeting the committee will interview the final candidates and make a recommendation to the full Council.

BACKGROUND

Under state law, RCW 3.34.100, the county legislative authority (for King County, the Council) is directed to fill district court vacancies by appointment. The King County Code, Chapter 2.70 (Att. 2, p. 11), prescribes a merit selection process for filling such vacancies, including:

- Advertising of existing or anticipated vacancies by the clerk of the Council;
- Rating of interested applicants by the KCBA and any other bar association with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure;

- Referral by KCBA to the Council of the names of candidates receiving the highest rating;
- Review of all the candidates and interviews of the “final” candidates by the Council’s Committee of the Whole, which then must make a recommendation to the full Council (KCC 2.70.020(E)); and
- Final appointment by the Council.

The appointee will serve until a successor is elected this November and will be eligible to run for election.

THE CANDIDATES

The three candidates to fill the judicial vacancy in the Southwest Division (Burien) of King County District Court are:

- Laurel Gibson
- Kris Jensen
- Brian Todd

The 10 candidates to fill the two judicial vacancies in the West Division (Seattle) of King County District Court are:

- Anne Daly
- Gregg Hirakawa
- Steven Kim
- Rhonda Laumann
- Mary Lynch
- Lisa Paglisotti
- Andrew Simons
- Sumeer Singla
- Renee Walls
- Brian Zuanich

Written materials submitted by each candidate have been compiled into a binder, a copy of which has been made available to each committee member. The materials consist in large part of the candidates’ responses to an extensive Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire prepared by the Washington State Governor’s Office. Some of the candidates have also submitted additional materials to the Council, including, for example, resumes and letters of recommendation.

A table prepared by council staff, comparing the candidates according to a limited set of objective criteria, is Attachment 7 to this staff report. The table is not intended as a substitute for review of the candidates’ materials.

THE BAR ASSOCIATION RATINGS

Pursuant to the county code, the candidates have been rated by KCBA and other bar associations that have established judicial selection procedures. A table summarizing the ratings is Attachment 5 to this staff report. KCBA's description of how its judicial screening process works is Attachment 6.

COUNCIL REVIEW PROCESS

Special April 25 COW Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 25, following the Council meeting. In executive session, the committee will discuss the qualifications of the candidates. Then, in open session, the committee will choose the final candidates to interview at the committee's regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4.

May 4 COW Meeting

At its May 4 meeting, the Committee of the Whole will interview the final candidates and make a recommendation to the full Council.

May 9 Council Meeting

It is expected that the full Council will take final action on the District Court appointments at the May 9 Council meeting.

INVITED

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2016-0218
2. Proposed Motion 2016-0219
3. Proposed Motion 2016-0220
4. King County Code, Chapter 2.70
5. Consolidated Bar Association Ratings of the Candidates
6. How the Judicial Screening Process of the King County Bar Association Works
7. Comparison of Judicial Candidates – Selected Criteria

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ATTACHMENT 1
1200 King County Courthouse
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April 8, 2016

Motion

Proposed No. 2016-0218.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial
2 vacancy in the southwest division of King County district
3 court.

4 WHEREAS, a judicial vacancy exists in the southwest division of King County
5 district court (the City of Burien), and

6 WHEREAS, RCW 3.34.100 authorizes the county legislative body to fill judicial
7 vacancies in district court, and

8 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 2.70 provides for the metropolitan King County
9 council to fill judicial vacancies in district court by selecting from among candidates
10 receiving the highest rating from the King County Bar Association or another bar
11 association with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure, as defined in
12 K.C.C. 2.70.020, and

13 WHEREAS, the council: has received candidate ratings from the King County
14 Bar Association; has reviewed written materials concerning each candidate; has
15 conducted interviews of candidates in accordance with K.C.C. chapter 2.70; and has
16 carefully considered the qualifications of the candidates;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

Motion

18 _____ is hereby appointed to fill the vacant judicial position in
19 the southwest division of King County district court.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None



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Motion

Proposed No. 2016-0219.1

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1 A MOTION making an appointment to fill a judicial
2 vacancy in the west division of King County district court.

3 WHEREAS, a judicial vacancy exists in the west division of King County district
4 court (the City of Seattle), and

5 WHEREAS, RCW 3.34.100 authorizes the county legislative body to fill judicial
6 vacancies in district court, and

7 WHEREAS, K.C.C. chapter 2.70 provides for the metropolitan King County
8 council to fill judicial vacancies in district court by selecting from among candidates
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10 association with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure, as defined in
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13 Bar Association and other bar associations with an established judicial candidate
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Attachments: None



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Motion

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

2.70 DISTRICT COURT - MERIT SELECTION PROCESS

Sections:

- 2.70.010 Establishment.
- 2.70.020 Process.

2.70.010 Establishment. There is hereby established a merit selection process to fill judicial vacancies occurring in District Court in King County pursuant to the King County council's responsibilities under R.C.W. 3.34.100. The council desires a fair and open process which will insure the council shall select and appoint individuals of the highest quality. (Ord. 8350 § 1, 1987).

2.70.020 Process. The process to fill district court judicial vacancies shall be as follows:

A. Notice of existing or scheduled vacancies shall be advertised by the clerk of the council twice in the official county newspaper and in a newspaper of general circulation within the district. Notice of the vacancy shall also be sent to the Seattle-King County Bar Association (SKCBA), East King County Bar Association, South King County Bar Association, Washington Women Lawyers, Loren Miller Bar Association, National Conference of Black Lawyers (Northwest Chapter), Asian Law Association and other interested groups.

B. Names of individuals wishing consideration for appointment shall be submitted to the clerk of the council or directly to any of the bar associations listed in subsection 2.70.020 A. which shall review and evaluate the candidates.

C. Any other bar group with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure may also review and evaluate the candidates. A group with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure shall mean a bar association group:

1. With evaluation procedures open to any candidate,
2. Which has written by-laws governing its evaluation process,
3. Which has written criteria upon which the candidates are to be judged which shall be made available to the public, the council and candidates, and
4. Which has been actively evaluating judicial candidates for at least two years.

D. SKCBA shall refer to the council the names of candidates receiving the highest rating. The list shall contain no less than three names. Any other group with an established judicial candidate evaluation procedure, as defined in subsection 2.70.020 C., shall provide to SKCBA a list of the names of candidates given its highest rating. SKCBA shall note on the list referred to the council any disagreements on the respective lists by indicating names on their own list not included on the list(s) of the other evaluating committee(s) and adding names not included on the SKCBA list with the name of the group which provided the rating.

E. The committee-of-the-whole shall review the candidates and interview the final candidates and make recommendation to the council.

F. The final appointment shall be made by the council by motion from the candidates referred by the evaluation committees. (Ord. 8350 § 2, 1987).

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Current Bar Association Ratings of District Court Candidates as of April 25, 2016

BAR ASSOCIATION	King County Bar Association	Cardozo Society ¹	Joint Asian Judicial Evaluations Committee	Latina/o Bar Association of Washington	Loren Miller Bar Association ²	QLAW ³	King County Washington Women Lawyers
CANDIDATE							
WEST DIVISION (SEATTLE)							
Anne Daly	Exceptionally Well Qualified						
Gregg Hirakawa	Qualified		Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified
Steven Kim	Well Qualified						Highly Qualified
Rhonda Laumann	Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	
Mary Lynch	Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Qualified	Pending	Qualified	Qualified
Lisa Paglisotti	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Pending
Andrew Simons	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Adequate	Well Qualified	Highly Qualified
Sumeer Singla	Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Exceptionally Well Qualified		Qualified	Qualified
Renee Walls	Exceptionally Well Qualified						
Brian Zuanich	Qualified		Exceptionally Well Qualified	Well Qualified	Adequate	Well Qualified	

¹ As described on its website, the Cardozo Society of Washington State is “the official Washington State Bar Association minority bar for Jewish lawyers in Washington.”

² As described on its website, the Loren Miller Bar Association is “a statewide organization and local affiliate of the National Bar Association (“NBA”), which is the oldest minority bar and the largest organization of African-American attorneys in the United States.”

³ As described on its website, “QLaw: The GLBT Bar Association of Washington is an association of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender legal professionals and their allies.”

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CANDIDATE							
SOUTHWEST DIVISION (BURIEN)							
Laurel Gibson	Well Qualified						Exceptionally Well Qualified
Kris Jensen	Qualified						
Brian Todd	Well Qualified						

PLEASE NOTE: All the listed bar associations limit the validity of their ratings to a duration of three years; therefore, any ratings that candidates received more than three years ago are not listed in this table.

How the Judicial Screening Process of the King County Bar Association Works

The King County Bar Association Judicial screening process utilizes a representative body of the King County Bar Association in its 73-member judicial screening committee. The committee undertakes a fair and comprehensive rating process designed to create a high quality bench and assist the public by providing them with important information on judicial candidates. The King County Bar Association invites judicial candidates for contested judicial elections to participate in this thorough, three-part screening process.

Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire

First, candidates complete the Uniform Judicial Evaluation Questionnaire from the Governor's Office. That questionnaire covers:

- Professional history;
- Bar association and professional society membership;
- Nature and extent of law practice;
- Trial experience;
- Significant matters handled;
- Judicial interest and experience;
- Experience as a neutral decision-maker;
- Significant mediation experience;
- Educational background;
- Court committees or administrative positions held;
- Public offices held;
- Professional and bar activities;
- Publications;
- Community and civic activities;
- Business leadership activities;
- Honors received;
- Statements of judicial interest and philosophy.

Reference Checks

In order to insure full disclosure and candor, the portions of the questionnaire related to checking references are used only by the Judicial Screening Committee. Those portions cover questions of a private or privileged nature regarding disciplinary matters, claims, suits or complaints filed against the candidate, or other involvement as a party in legal proceedings. References requested come from the following categories, most of which cannot be avoided by the applicant, including:

- Opposing counsel;
- Attorneys appearing before the candidate as a judge or neutral decision-maker;
- Non-attorneys;
- Judges and opposing counsel from the last five trials in which the candidate participated;
- Additional attorneys familiar with the candidate's professional qualifications, skills, experience or attributes.

In addition, the candidates must complete a Supplemental Questionnaire that requests additional references from the following categories of attorneys:

- Past attorney supervisors or attorneys who have reviewed and are familiar with the candidate's work;
- Counsel and judges in appellate matters.

Committee members are assigned to contact the listed references by telephone. After being promised confidentiality, the references are encouraged to speak with full candor about their own knowledge of and experiences with the candidate and to evaluate the candidate's qualifications, strengths, and weakness for the position sought.

Candidate Interview

The Committee convenes with a panel of at least 12 members to carefully review and consider the questionnaire, the information from the listed references and conduct a twenty-minute personal interview with the candidate. The interview consists of questions pertaining to qualifications for the office as well as issues raised by the questionnaire, reference checks, or other information received. The candidate is provided an opportunity for closing remarks.

Thereafter, the Committee deliberates and, by secret ballot, votes to rate the candidate, based upon the written criteria of the Committee's Rules and Procedures. An adequate rating requires a majority vote. The higher ratings require a "super-majority" vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rating Criteria

The criteria for rating candidates are uniform and objective and have been used substantially in the same form for the past twenty-five years. These criteria measure an individual's suitability to serve in a judicial position. When applying the rating criteria, the screening committee evaluates each candidate against the same criteria. There is no ranking of candidates or comparison of one candidate against another.

The criteria are as follows:

- a. Maturity, integrity, courtesy, intellectual honesty, fairness, good judgment, curiosity, and common sense;
- b. A demonstrated commitment to equal justice under the law, and fairness and open-mindedness with sensitivity to and respect for all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, religion, political ideology, creed, age, marital status, or physical or mental handicap, disability, or impairment. This commitment and sensitivity can be evidenced by the individual's involvement in community affairs and activities, professional practice, and personal and professional background.
- c. The courage and ability to make difficult decisions under stress.
- d. The competence, ability and experience (which may include trial experience) to manage pretrial and trial proceedings, including administrative proceedings, arbitration, settlement conferences, and commissioner or magistrate responsibilities. It should include

an ability to address diverse issues, weigh conflicting testimony, apply the law to the facts, understand the dynamics of the trial or conflict resolution process, and command respect from attorneys, litigants, and other participants in the process.

- e. The ability to work with a wide variety of subject matter.
- f. Excellent legal ability and confidence, and demonstrated excellence in legal work and practice.
- g. The energy and capacity for hard work.
- h. The potential for ongoing professional development and demonstrated leadership in the profession.
- i. The ability to communicate clearly and effectively, orally and in writing, with attorneys, litigants, witnesses, and jurors.
- j. Interest and commitment to working with other judges and court administrators to improve the administration of justice.

Rating Levels

Individual rating levels are:

"Exceptionally Well Qualified"-- "Well Qualified"-- "Qualified" -- "Not Qualified." The Judicial screening committee also has the discretion to decline rating a judicial candidate, with statements of reason -- "Insufficient Information to Rate" or "Declined to Participate" or to give a rating with the notation, "Failed to Cooperate fully with the Judicial Screening Committee."

Source: <http://www.votingforjudges.org/09gen/rating/kcba.html>

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Comparison of Judicial Candidates – Selected Criteria¹ Southwest Division

	Laurel Gibson	Kris Jensen	Brian Todd
Year admitted to practice law in Washington	1997	1989	1999
Experience practicing law	criminal: 12 yrs.	criminal and civil: 26 yrs.	criminal and civil: 17 yrs.
Jury trials as lead attorney	24 approx.	49 approx.	52 approx.
Judicial experience	4+ yrs. as admin. law judge and judge pro tem	21 yrs. as judge pro tem and arbitrator	none
Legal education	J.D., 1996 Seattle University	J.D., 1989 Gonzaga University	J.D., 1999 University of Wyoming
Undergraduate education	B.A., 1990 University of Washington	B.S., 1984 Washington State University	B.A., 1995 University of Wyoming
"The type of judge you aspire to be" (in 75 words or less)	"I aspire to be a judge with a reputation for being fair, accessible, reasonable, and knowledgeable. I want be known for faithfully upholding the letter and spirit of the constitution and the laws of	"The kind of judge who does not get an affidavit from either defense or prosecution. Drawing an affidavit happens occasionally to all judges, but regularly getting them means attorneys do not trust the judge to make	"I aspire to be a judge who is indeed impartial and fair, but above all, respectful to all parties in my court. There is always the need for a judge to maintain control of the courtroom, but much of this stems from the

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	Laurel Gibson	Kris Jensen	Brian Todd
	Washington State. I want to be a judge that inspires faith in our judicial system by giving all persons a fair opportunity to be heard and have their legal problems resolved."	reasonable decisions. I want to be the judge that attorneys want to have for their case."	judge's demeanor. I would have the demeanor which would foster respect in the courtroom. The parties would know what to expect and I would model the same to them."
"Why you are seeking a judicial position" (in 75 words or less)	<p>"Having grown up in South King County, I have watched my community evolve and become richly diverse. I worked full-time to put myself through college and law school and I appreciate the sacrifices made by many of our citizens who are trying to better themselves and their children. My children attend a public school system that is no longer predominately Caucasian. My children have benefited from being exposed to many more perspectives than I had during my education. I would like to bring my appreciation of this richness of diversity to the bench. I have the</p>	<p>"Sitting as judge fits my disposition. I enjoy the challenge of communicating clearly and efficiently with attorneys and the public. A judge's role is to create an efficient and streamlined process while doing the best job of impressing upon all civilians exposed to this system that it's fair and reasonable. Administration: The judges are collectively responsible for making their court run efficiently. This means appreciating staff and working to reduce wasted resources whenever possible."</p>	<p>"Through all of my legal work, I have learned skills which have given me an excellent perspective on what causes parties to have disputes. I would bring a fair and objective approach in encouraging parties to realize the roots of their conflicts. However, I am able to act in the role of a judge which is to ultimately act fairly and impartially in deciding those issues that cannot be resolved by the parties' themselves."</p>

	Laurel Gibson	Kris Jensen	Brian Todd
	<p>experience and knowledge to effectively and fairly apply the laws of Washington State. I am sensitive to the fact that many of our community members do not know how to access the judicial system. I would like to be a part of improving a judicial system that equally serves people from all different cultures and income levels.</p>		

Comparison of Judicial Candidates – Selected Criteria¹ West Division, Candidates 1-5

	Anne Daly	Gregg Hirakawa	Steven Kim	Rhonda Laumann	Mary Lynch
Year admitted to practice law in Washington	1989	2002	2001	1992	1989
Experience practicing law	criminal: 27 yrs.	civil & criminal: 13 yrs.	criminal: 15 yrs.	criminal & civil: 23 yrs.	criminal: 19 yrs.
Jury trials as lead attorney	100+	46 approx.	95 approx.	65 approx.	200+
Judicial experience	none	2 yrs. as pro tem	1+ yr. as pro tem	"over 1,200 hours" as pro tem; sole arbitrator in 36+ arbitrations	8 yrs. as pro tem
Legal education	J.D., 1988 Seattle University	J.D., 2002 Seattle University	J.D., 2000 University of Washington	J.D., 1992 Seattle University	J.D., 1989, Seattle University
Undergraduate education	B.A., 1983 University of Washington	B.S., 1981 University of Oregon	B.A., 1997 University of Washington	B.A., 1989 Colorado Mesa University	B.A. 1980 University of Montana
"The type of judge you aspire to be" (in 75 words or less)	"I aspire to be the type of judge that the public, attorneys and other judges respect and to have those that	"To allow litigants to have their day in court, and allow them to try their case as they see fit within reasonable	"Each of us have inherent biases and prejudices. However, my judicial philosophy is to put aside my	"I am committed to balanced, focused, resourceful and efficient administration of justice, allowing	"For a legal system to be trustworthy, it must be fair. The parties involved in a case look to the judge to provide

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	Anne Daly	Gregg Hirakawa	Steven Kim	Rhonda Laumann	Mary Lynch
	<p>appear before me to feel heard, understand the process and my decisions. I aspire to treat the all that come into the courtroom with humanity and respect, to provide a sense of security to those who have been harmed. I will implement and follow the law regardless of my personal feelings about the law. I aspire to be the type of judge that instills faith and confidence in our justice system and to have an effective; well-managed and efficient courtroom that serves the taxpayers well."</p>	<p>confines, and to guarantee all parties are treated with dignity and respect so as to instill their confidence in the court proceeding and justice system."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>	<p>own biases to ensure justice for anyone who steps into a courtroom – litigants, victims, and attorneys alike. I will seek to interpret the law without passion, prejudice, or political agenda."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>	<p>time and consideration of all parties' perceptions and interpretations before making decisions soundly grounded in law. Including people in the legal process and providing accountability for choices is what I currently do and would like to continue doing on a daily basis. I am committed to supporting lawyers achieve competence in their trial skills to have their clients' stories heard and district court is a training ground for new lawyers."</p>	<p>this guarantee of fairness. This is accomplished by treating the parties equally, being professional on the bench and correct in decisions even if those decision are unpopular."</p> <p>[Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]</p>
<p>"Why you are seeking a judicial position"</p> <p>(in 75 words or</p>	<p>"The majority of my career has been spent as an advocate for individuals in our</p>	<p>"I am seeking appointment to the King County District Court because a 10 year old boy, whose</p>	<p>"All people need to see a reflection in our justice system. This builds confidence in the</p>	<p>"I have successfully performed many aspects of the duties of a District Court Judge over</p>	<p>"The phrase 'justice is blind' is probably one of the most important legal concepts what we</p>

	Anne Daly	Gregg Hirakawa	Steven Kim	Rhonda Laumann	Mary Lynch
less)	<p>community and as an advocate for those that represent the individual members of our community. I am acutely aware of the distrust the general public has in our criminal justice system; the resource challenges facing the courts and the access to justice issues. I would welcome the opportunity to work on addressing and positively impacting these issues and feel I can do so best from the bench."</p>	<p>mother was incarcerated without due process during World War II, visited the National Archives in 1968 and started believing that we the people of the United States can work to form a more perfect union."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>fairness in the system. I grew up speaking Korean as my first language, and endured social and economic hardships."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>the past 3 years in a wide variety of Courts. I have truly enjoyed going to different courts and working with many different judges and staff and continue judging because it is a fun job for me. I have served in many different courts, believe that I do a good job as a judge, and would love to serve the community as an appointed judge."</p>	<p>have. It gives confidence to those who find themselves involved in the legal system. I feel that I have always acted with this in mind, in both my work as a prosecutor and my work as a pro tem judge. I aspire always to instill confidence in the judicial system and improve it by bringing knowledge, patience, and integrity to the bench."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>

Comparison of Judicial Candidates – Selected Criteria¹ West Division, Candidates 6-10

	Lisa Paglisotti	Andrew Simons	Sumeer Singla	Renee Walls	Brian Zuanich
Year admitted to practice law in Washington	1992	2000	2002	2000	2011
Experience practicing law	criminal: 22 yrs.	criminal & civil: 25 yrs. (incl. in CO)	criminal & civil: 10 yrs.	criminal: 16 yrs.	criminal & civil: 9 yrs. (incl. in MA)
Jury trials as lead attorney	60-90	63+	33+	33 approx.	136 approx.
Judicial experience	once as pro tem	2 yrs. as pro tem	4 yrs. as pro tem	8 yrs. as pro tem;	2 yrs. as pro tem
Legal education	J.D., 1992 Seattle University	J.D., 1991 University of Colorado	J.D., 2002 University of Washington	J.D., 1999 Lewis and Clark College	J.D., 2006 Suffolk University
Undergraduate education	B.A., 1985 University of Washington	B.S., 1980 Colorado State University M.A., 1985 Denver Seminary	B.A., 1997 Washington State University	B.A., 1995 University of Illinois	B.A., 2002 Georgetown University
“The type of judge you aspire to be” (in 75 words or less)	“I aspire to be a judicial officer who instills respect and confidence in the justice system. I	“I believe that everyone should have ready access to the courts. In particular, the poor	“I aspire to find justice, accountability and truth in every case. My goal is to have	“I aspire to be a judge who understands the difference between the law and justice	“A judge is a servant of the law and the people. Judges must ground every

¹ This table is based on information obtained from written materials provided by the candidates. To some extent it represents Council staff’s interpretation of that information. Much more information is contained in the candidates’ written materials.

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	aspire to empower individuals with the belief and motivation to change, and to value themselves. It is of the utmost importance to me that individuals who come before the Court, have a real opportunity to have their voices be heard, to have an understanding of the process, and to feel they were treated fairly, regardless of the outcome."	and marginalized should know they will receive a prompt, fair, respectful, and sympathetic hearing from the court. A judge should be predictable in following the law and reasonable in exercising discretion." [Question for this candidate was, in 50 words or less: "Describe your judicial philosophy."]	people leave the courtroom feeling confident that they were respected, had an opportunity to be heard in a neutral and fair manner, and understood the decision and the judicial process. I aspire to be a responsible steward of the law and the legal process with a responsibility to make the judiciary accessible to everyone."	and should they conflict will err on the side of justice. I continually seek to improve myself, and my understanding of the important responsibility with which I have been tasked. I aspire to ensure that individuals have an opportunity to be fully and fairly heard, that they have access to our courts and the resources needed to resolve their legal conflicts, and that they are confident that I am a good steward of the public trust and resources."	decision in the law and rigorously devote themselves to determining what the law is in every case. Judges must also give every litigant an opportunity to be heard; only then are litigants invested in the process, and that increases the public legitimacy of the court system."
"Why you are seeking a judicial position" (in 75 words or less)	"I am applying for a judicial position, because I am committed to the justice system in King County, as evidenced by over thirty years of	"In my career as a public sector attorney, I have advocated for the criminally accused, abused and neglected children, vulnerable adults,	"I believe I am exceptionally well qualified for a judicial position as evidenced by my unique cultural background, judicial, civil, and	"My entire legal career has been in service to my community. I have had the privilege to serve the citizens of King County as a prosecuting	"I am committed to public service. As a prosecutor, I advocated for victims and public safety, and in the military, I help soldiers navigate

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	<p>experience in the justice field. I have demonstrated my commitment to fairness in various aspects of the system, and would like the opportunity to expand my knowledge and continue to learn. I continue to be inspired by individuals, and believe I can make a difference in the lives of individuals while ensuring community safety."</p>	<p>injured workers, and safe work places. Law is a great stabilizer for society, and I would try to bring that perspective as a judge."</p> <p><i>[Word limit on this candidate's version of the questionnaire was 50.]</i></p>	<p>criminal experience in public and private practice. I am committed to public service, effecting positive change, and making the judiciary accessible to everyone. I will endeavor to enhance trust and confidence in the judiciary and legal profession. I want to promote civility, equity and equality through my decisions and demeanor in the courtroom."</p>	<p>attorney, and for the last eight years as a Judge Pro Tempore at both the District and Municipal court level. It is as a judge where I have obtained a renewed passion for the law and the ideals of justice. I am cognizant that the decisions I make not only impact the individual before me, but impact their family and their community as well. Both my personal and professional experience will allow me to serve my community best in the role of a neutral arbiter of justice."</p>	<p>the legal terrain. My experience as a Pro-Tem Judge has reinforced my love of the law. I enjoy the intellectual rigor of interpreting the law and the ability to help people. With my diverse judicial, litigation, and military background, I can bring a unique perspective to the bench. "</p>